



[OMB Control No. 2900-0270]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Financial Counseling Statement

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0270."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

Title: Financial Counseling Statement, VA Form 26-8844.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0270.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This form was developed under 38 U.S.C. 3732. VA Form 26-8844 provides for recording comprehensive financial information concerning the borrower's net income, total expenditures, net worth, suggested areas for which expenses can be reduced or income increased, the arrangement of a family budget and recommendations for the terms of any repayment agreement on the defaulted loan.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The ***Federal Register*** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 86 FR 11055 on February 23, 2021, pages 11055-11056.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000 per year.

By direction of the Secretary:

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